

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 03/26/2014	NEED RESPONSE BY: 04/07/2014
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Stanislaus County	
3. PHONE NO.:	7. SUBJECT: HOUSEHOLD CONCEPT	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-402.142	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). Food Stamp Regulations Eligibility Standards 63-402.142	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Scenario: A CalFresh household consists of married mom, dad and children. Dad is employed in San Jose, Ca and rather than commuting daily stays in San Jose during the week and returns home to Modesto, CA on the weekends. Dads entire check is deposited into the joint checking account he shares with mom. Dad has shelter and utility expenses of \$580 per month in San Jose. Reg. 63-402.42 states "Separate household status shall not be granted to: Parents living with their natural, adopted or step children, or children living with their natural, adopted, or stepparents unless....

Clarifying questions:

- 1) Is Dad considered part of the CF household?
- 2) If not, how much of his income do we consider in the benefit calculation?
- 3) If Dad is part of the CF HH can we allow two expense deductions, the expenses for their housing/utilities in Modesto, CA and San Jose, CA?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

This household does not meet any of the exceptions for being granted separate household status as detailed in .141-144 of the regulation. Based on the regulation the household will be considered one household and all of the Dads income will be included in the benefit determination. In addition, The Dad's shelter expenses will be allowed on the case.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

A multiple person household as described in MPP Section 63-402.13 and .131 consists of a group of individuals who live together and customarily purchase and prepare meals together for home consumption. Dad is not part of the CalFresh household with mom and kids since he doesn't purchase and prepare the majority of his meals with the family. Any income that Dad makes available to the household containing Mom and kids will be counted in the budget for that household.

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DATE RECEIVED:

03/26/2014

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:

05/21/2014 R. Nevins